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Applicant hereby request consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement, USPTO form 1449, submitted herewith.

Legible copies of the references are enclosed.

This application is a:

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 05-1712. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.

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